

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is therefore obligated by law to serve the public interest—that is the interest of all Americans. But that is not what happens when large companies control the airwaves. Instead of what is good for democracy, we get what is good for the corporation and its bottom line.

Sinclair's actions are a clear demonstration of why media ownership rules need to be strengthened. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.
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